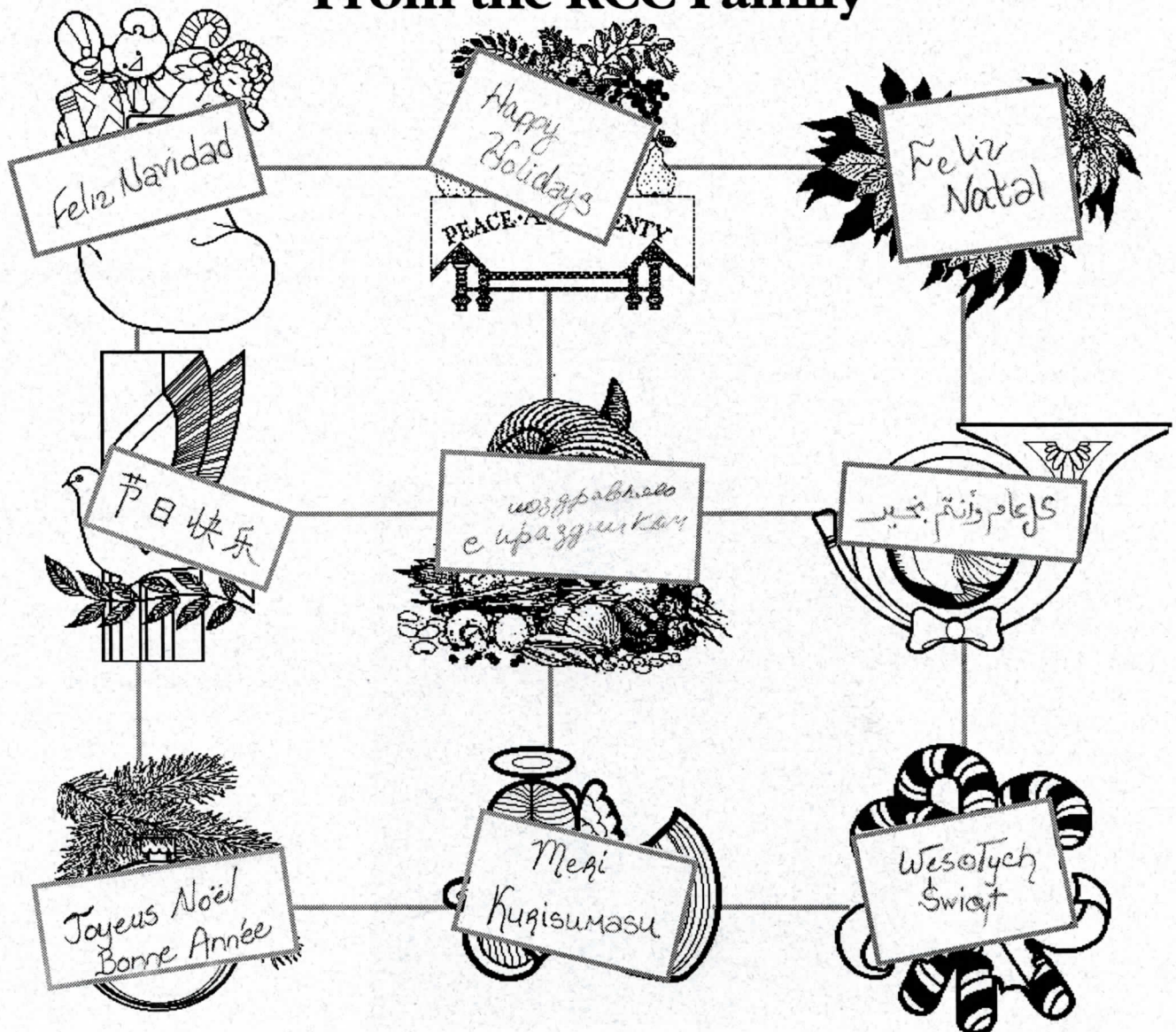


# Crossing

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## Happy Holidays

From the RCC Family





# Student Profile

**H**ello my name is Julie Ann Huggins. This is my second year here at Roxbury Community College. This college has given me the opportunity of a lifetime. First, let me explain something about my past. When I was 18, I ran away from the home in Florida where I was being abused physically and mentally. I stayed with my friends who knew me as a true person. After I had been out on the street for quite sometime, I married a police officer. The marriage did not last long. Exactly one year after marriage and supporting him, I decided to leave him and venture out on my own. By this time I was still childless, and had not seen my family here in Boston for approximately 7 to 8 years. I finally saved up enough money to come back home and to stay with my grandmother. One year later I had my son who was born on June 22, 1993. Exactly one month later on July 19, 1993 my mother passed away from a Cardiac Arrest (heart attack) while sleeping. My mother never got the chance to hold my son due to the complications she was having. At her death bed, I vowed to my mother that I would be the first of her children to complete my College education to the best of my ability. Two months later I entered the College with all of these things to deal with. I decided to turn all of the stress that I was dealing with into

Julie Ann Huggins

something positive. Whenever I felt the need to relieve my stress, I would focus my attention on my studies and my child. By doing this it gave me the strength I needed to succeed in college. Within those first two semesters I had taken a total of 11 courses and still manage to keep a GPA of 3.82. During that time I was initiated into the Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of the National Honor Society, made the National Deans List for the year of 94-95, and was a recipient of the RCC Foundation Scholarship Award. Now I am in my third semester here and will be graduating in June, 1995.

This year I plan to give back to this college what it has given me. I plan to do this by getting involved. I am now on the SGA (Student Government Association), PHC (President's Hostess Club), and PTK (Phi Theta Kappa).

Some of the students here al-



ways complain about the school being just too much work or that they can't handle the classes that they are attending. I always tell them that it is not as bad as it seem, just keep focused and do the best you can. Because the more you reach for your goal the faster you will be able to obtain success. Please remember that education is one of the best things to help you realize your dream. Because once you are educated, no one can take it away from you!

I must thank all those professors and everyone else at RCC for understanding me and helping me become who I am today.

*Julie Huggins*

## Look Upward Children

Look upward children  
The sky is the limit,  
The world is yours  
and all is in it.

Take it in your hands  
And carefully hold it.  
Take your time  
To carefully mold it.

You had yesterday,  
but tomorrow's not yet begun.  
You can always leave a portion  
Of yourself to carry on.

May every passing day  
Bring you special Glory,  
for you are the one  
To write your life's story.

*by Deborah J. Edwards,  
a Caldwell Early Childhood  
Center mother*



# Employee Profile

**M**y name is Dee Murphy and I work in Housekeeping in the Facilities Department here at Roxbury Community College. I have been with the College for over six years. After working with a mailing company for seven years, RCC was a nice change. I found the environment to be open and cooperative. The students and employees were all working towards a common goal of diversity and change, something that appealed to me tremendously. I was skeptical at first, but found working here more than rewarding and enjoyable. Seeing the students struggle and work hard to achieve their goals against incredible odds and finally reaching their goals is a priceless gift. The students are what it's all about. Seeing them graduate at the end of the year with their diplomas brings tears to my eyes and pride to my heart. It's both a happy but sad occasion to see the students move on after spending many semesters with them. But knowing they are moving onto greener pastures makes it a little easier. Sometimes I wonder if these students would be attending colleges and creating a bright future for themselves if RCC wasn't here.

One of RCC's greatest strengths is its diverse representation of nationalities from all around the world. It's like a little EPCOT center here in the heart of Roxbury.

Even with all of our different cultures and backgrounds, we somehow form a strong family that support one another. I have talked with students who have had opportunities to attend other community colleges and still chose RCC instead. When I hear students talk and say things like this I can't help but feel great pride for the College.

I am currently the advisor for the President's Hostess Club here at RCC. We do numerous community work for the College and Roxbury such as cooking dinner for people living in shelters, Kid's Day for the children in the area, and Valentine's activities for students. When students get active and put

their minds together, there isn't anything they can't do.

In my spare time I enjoy playing cards with friends and do a little bowling. Everybody needs a little rest and relaxation at the end of the day.

In closing I would like to give some advice to the students here at RCC. Stay in school and get an education. Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes we need to make sacrifices. And yes, the road is rough. But always remember that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

**Dee Murphy**



Dee Murphy



### Scholarship and Professional Development

*In order to promote scholarship and professional development at RCC, the Crossing reserves this column for presentations from RCC faculty and staff on their professional activities.*

*The College is proud of our faculty and staff who are not only experienced in and dedicated to providing quality educational service to our students, but who also contribute to the advancement of various disciplines. We encourage all of our faculty and staff to share information about themselves and about their colleagues regarding scholarship and professional development. We hope that this will not only enhance scholarship and professional development, but also foster communication, understanding and institutional pride.*

### Workshops in World History

Faculty members Angel Amy Moreno and Thomas Reeves from the Department of History participated in the 1994-95 Northwestern University supported series of lectures and workshops, "Mainstreaming Methodology and World History for Undergraduates in History".

On October 8, the two professors presented at the workshop "The Introductory Course and Global History". Other participants were from Northeastern University, Wheelock College, Simmons College, Tufts University, Boston College and University of Massachusetts/Lowell.

### Delegation to Haiti

As a member of New England Observers Delegation to Haiti and Director of Caribbean Focus Program at RCC, Professor Thomas Reeves went to Haiti for the fourth visit on October 14-19. In his letter to all supporters of the RCC Caribbean focus, Professor Reeves says,

**"Dear Friends,**

I want to thank all of you for your words of encouragement and other support for my participation in my recent trip to Haiti. It was the culmination of eight years' work in the Haitian community, and especially three years' struggle against the coup. Altogether, three RCC faculty and four students have participated in the Haitian delegations. We have hosted President Aristide twice, and we have held nearly a hundred cultural and political meetings on Haitian topics. I believe Roxbury Community College can be proud of our deep connection with this struggle and our association with President Aristide and others who seek to bring democracy and social justice to Haiti. I also believe this work flows directly from an activist view of community education and that exposure of our students to these events in history is an essential part of the kind of education we at RCC want to provide."

### Governance

*In order to encourage an open discussion on our governance system, the Crossing opens this column for discussion on governance. We encourage people at the College to share their comments and questions in this column.*

*In this issue, we present a few excerpts from the literature on governance.*

### Does representativeness make any difference in what decisions are made?

To maintain the viability and legitimacy of representative bodies in a time of growing educational and political polarization, attention must be given to what concessions the majority in a representative democratic system are willing to make to minorities for the sake of preserving the system. Two hundred years ago, Madison warned of the danger of a tyrannical majority's imposing its will on a dissenting minority. The problem is still relevant to academic governance systems.

"Token" inclusion of minority viewpoints, however, will often inflame a situation rather than calm it. The balance between the tyranny of the majority and the situation in which a minority has de facto veto power is precarious indeed. Too much majority control is likely to sap the vitality and legitimacy of governance structures. Too much concern for minority views may produce a situation in which any organized minority can block any action favored by the majority.

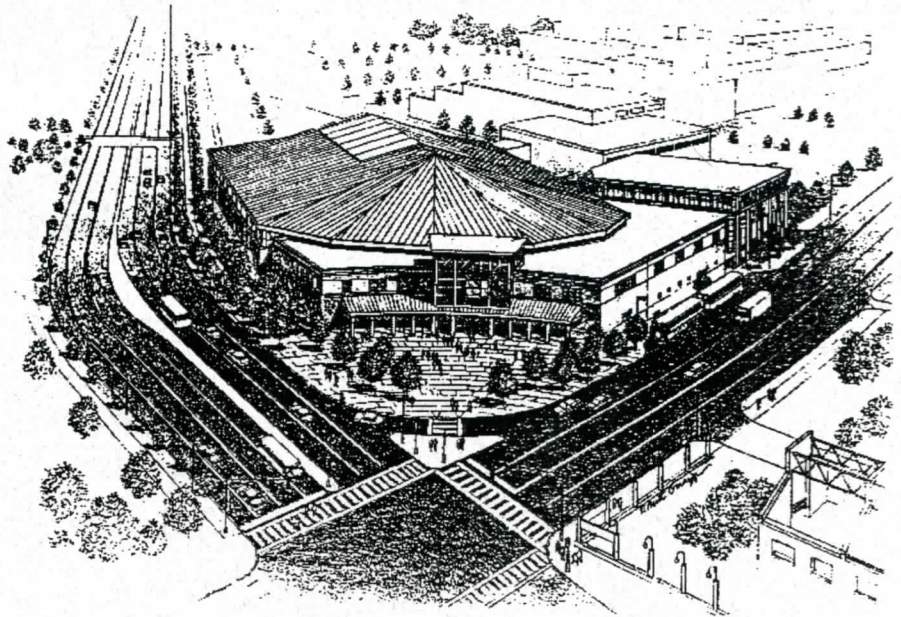


# Update

## *Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College*

### **Campus Town Meeting**

On September 22, the College held its first "town meeting" on Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at RCC. President Brown, Vice Presidents Rubin & Rose, Dean Vaughn and college engineer Howard Medlar shared information on this monumental project with a group of faculty, students and staff. In her opening remarks, President Brown reminded everyone "that a dream of 35 years is about to come true." "Despite initial basic disagreement as to where this wonderful facility should be" said President Brown, "the final location choice is a tribute to all of you, faculty, students and staff. It is the best demonstration of confidence in you." President Brown also assured the College community that "RCC owns this facility and the College will develop new programs to ensure best use of the resources and to benefit not



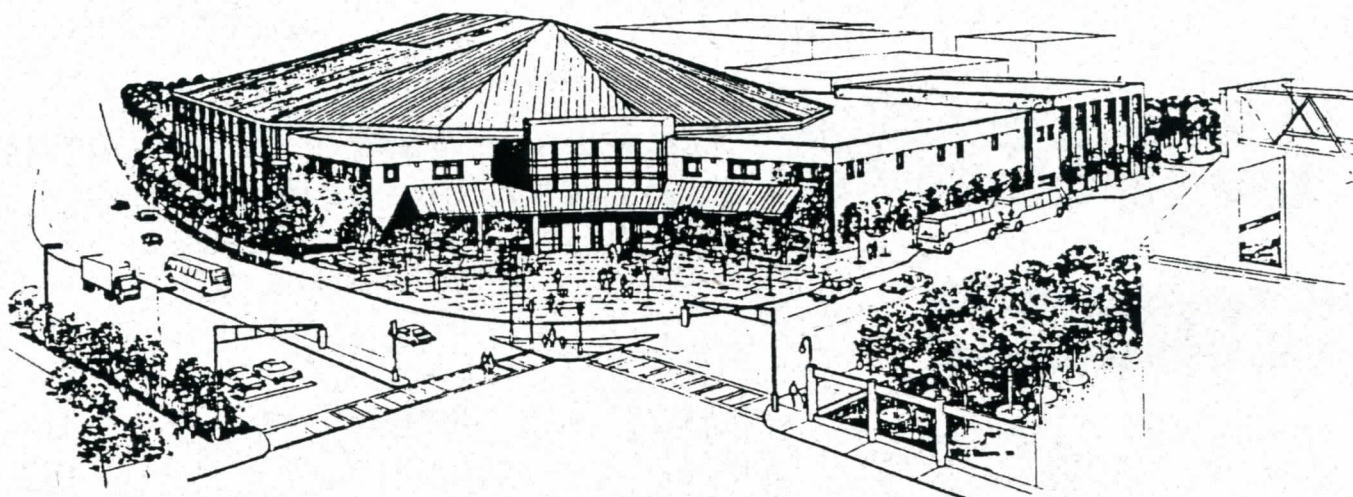
only all of us now, but generations to come."

Vice President Rose and Dean Vaughn outlined envisioned programs and activities and encouraged all faculty and students to be creative in contributing to the development of the best programs in the fields of physical education, physical

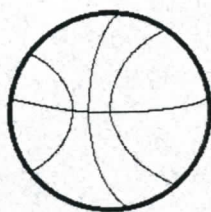
therapy, sports management and other academic and health related areas.

Vice President Rubin happily announced that the College has obtained for FY '95 a \$523,719 start-up operating budget from the State. He assures that this administration will see to it that the budget will be appropriately spent for the benefit of all.





## OVERVIEW



The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College has three major elements:

- Field House
- Gymnasium
- Support Spaces

**Field House** has a 3,000 seating capacity. It is built for track events such as sprints, hurdles, distance running, long/triple jump, high jump, pole vault and shot put. It has four courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis.

**Gymnasium** has a built-in 500 seating capacity; but this seating capacity can be expanded with chairs on the floor to 1,300. The functions that can be held in the gym include basketball, volleyball, wrestling, indoor batting and various assemblies.

**Support services** including weight/fitness room, dance studio, classrooms, two seminar rooms, office spaces, four multi-purpose rooms, concessions, locker rooms, restrooms, security and vending machines, etc.



# News and Updates

It will not be easy to provide more-diverse inputs into campus committee decision-making processes, because the activists who control these processes often play a very useful role. They enable a large organization to function more efficiently because they spare the most members the necessity of acquiring, analyzing, and classifying information and because they act expeditiously when action would be cumbersome and time-consuming for the larger group. The danger is that such activists will become divorced from particular segments of the faculty. The debate about the legitimacy of governing structures in contemporary colleges and universities points to this latter ground for disenchantment with those who have controlled faculty participatory mechanisms.

In our view, the representative character of campus senates does make a difference, and it is crucial to their legitimacy and the extent to which they are perceived to be repositories of functional authority.

*by K. Mortimer & T.R. McConnell  
in Sharing Authority Effectively*

## What is Democracy?

The central principle of democracy is accountability—the links of rights with responsibility. Those empowered to make final decisions are responsible to all who must live with these decisions. Accountability means, of course, the sharing of power. Without the sharing of power to include all citizens, decision-makers remain unaccountable and the democracy is

betrayed. While an equal sharing may be beyond human reach, in my definition of democracy, no one is denied all power.

*by Francis Moore Lappe  
in Rethinking the Curriculum*

## Reaccreditation

We are happy to announce that the first draft of RCC's Self-study Report was submitted to NEASC on December 2, 1994. Meanwhile the copies of the report have been distributed to your departments and put on reserve at the LRC.

We thank all the committee members, particularly Steering Committee members for your hard work. We encourage the entire college community to actively participate in this review process. Please direct your comments and questions to Jianping Wang x5361.

The time line for the reaccreditation is as follows.

- December 2, 1994- Report of first reading submitted to NEASC.
- February 3, 1995- Report mailed to chair of the visiting team.
- February 24, 1995- Report mailed To visiting team.
- April 9 - 12, 1995- Team visit on the campus.

## Computer Update

In the beginning of the semester, the College submitted a detailed Computer Technology Design Plan, which would enable the College to gain access to the ap-

proved state capital funding of 1.9 million for upgrading the College's Computer system. The plan has been approved. The request has been made for authorization to make the first purchase of computer hardware and software pursuant to the College's Computer Technology Design Plan. This phase-one purchase will update the computer technology in the College's academic computing particularly in programs such as the Computer Information Systems, Office Technology, Computer Assisted Drafting, ESL and Sciences and in academic support services in LRC and Placement, Assessment and Outcomes. Authorization for the phase one purchase has been approved.

## Acuerdo

Acuerdo, the college's forum for participatory governance, held two meetings this academic year. **Since October, 1985, this is the first time Acuerdo meetings were attended by the representatives from all five assemblies.** We are enormously encouraged by this progress. Participation and communication are keys to the success of participatory governance.

The next Acuerdo meeting is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on December 13 in the Academic Conference Room. We welcome your thoughts and comments regarding the improvement of our governance system. Copies of the meeting minutes are available at Jianping Wang's office at 5361.



# News and Updates ... Continued

## RCC Foundation Intern

Maria Antunes, a senior in psychology at Simmons College, has been working on campus as the RCC Foundation's first intern during the fall semester. Ms. Antunes is a native of Portugal and Hartford, CT, and has held internships at the Farragut Elementary School, Whittier Street Clinic, City Life/Vida Urbana, Beth Israel Hospital and

Children's Hospital. When asked for her thoughts about RCC, Ms. Antunes responded: "I just wanted to let the students at RCC know how impressed I was with enthusiasm and spirit at the Pep Rally held on November 8th in the Media/Arts building. For those of you who didn't attend you missed out on a lot. The students who were present impressed me a great deal.

Comparing what I saw in my own [Simmons] college, I can tell you that you all had enough energy for those who didn't come and for my school combined! I commend the student leaders for all their energy and wish them and the teams much success and victories for this year."

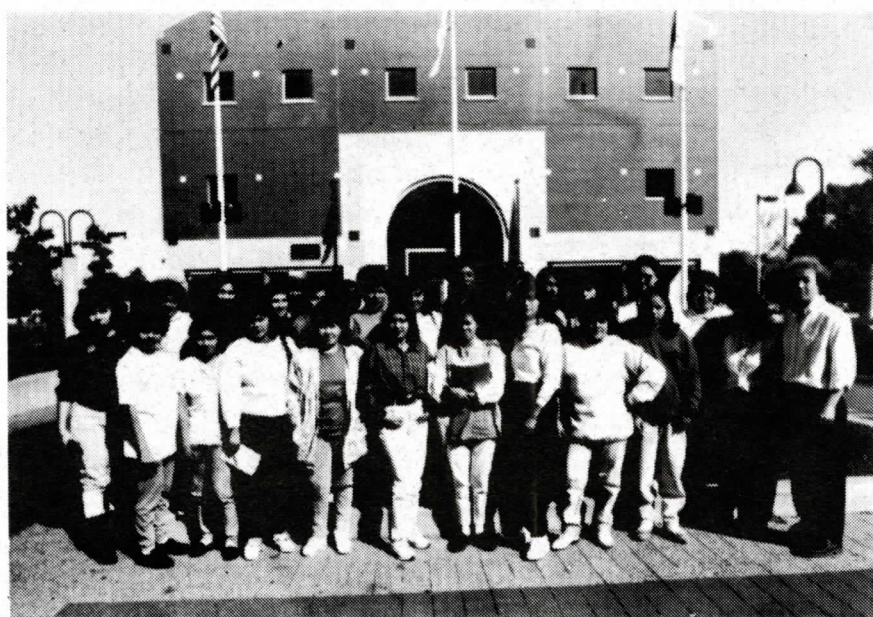
In addition to assisting with ongoing administrative projects, Ms. Antunes has been working with RCC to arrange a special tour for RCC students of an exhibit at the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College. As a credit requirement for her internship, Ms. Antunes is preparing a paper on the history of the community college system in Massachusetts, with a special focus on RCC. She currently holds a G.P.A. of 3.10 and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree from Simmons College in May 1995. Ms. Antunes speaks fluent Portuguese, has extensive computer experience, and is a certified Medical Emergency Technician. She began her college career at Greater Hartford Community College.

*Elleen Meny, RCC Foundation x5336*

## Salvador Students Attend Training AT RCC

Roxbury Community College recently had the pleasure of hosting a week long training program for visiting students from Salvador. The project was put together by Scott Mehlenbacher of Mathematics and Carol Bliss-Furr of the Division of Continuing Education. The conference's aim was to train the students and give them an American experience in childcare practices for them to implement in their own country. By training

these students, the hope is for them to return to their country and help make a difference. The students toured the campus and had the chance to see an American college in action. Such topics as Working with Children Who Suffer from PTSD and Other Chronic Conditions to Conflict Resolution Skills and Strategies. The training was held during the week of October 17 to October 20.



*Students accompanied by RCC faculty Scott Mehlenbacher, tour the Columbus Avenue Campus*



## BBS Graduates

Boston Business School Campus  
1994 GRADUATES

The following is a list of some of our 1994 graduates and their future plans.

**Jean Sheehan** will be working as a Medical Secretary at the Medical Center of Boston, New England Baptist Hospital.

**Nicole Faria** will be working as an Administrative Assistant at the Boston Police Department Headquarters.

**Margaret Doyle** will be working as a Legal Secretary at Boulman, Connelly, & Tierney in Quincy.

**Christine Feehily** will be working as an Administrative Assistant at the Boston Latin School.

**Christina Belezos** will be continuing her education at Suffolk University.

**Melissa Nicotera** will be working as an Administrative Assistant in the Legal Department at Liberty Mutual Insurance.

**Rhonda Stewart** will be working as a Receptionist-Secretary for the Nathal Fallops Insurance Company of Boston.

**Carmel Fitzgerald** will be working as an Executive Secretary at the Boston Globe.

**Michelle Watson** will be working as a Secretary/bookkeeper for Cash Management Services.

**Marie Barron** will be working as a Legal Secretary at Kaye, Richmond, Fialkow, and Rothstein.

**Veronica King** will be working as a Word Processing Specialist in the Corporate Trust Department of State Street Bank.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

*Beverly Titunik, BBS Placement  
(617) 787-5600*

My name is Jean Paul Vernet. I am a 2nd year Criminal Justice student here at Roxbury Community College. In my spare time I enjoy writing poetry.

## *The Sensation of Love*

I wonder, much about you.  
I wonder, to see the roses.  
I wonder, to be with you.

I'm so lightened with happiness.  
I'm so exciting sharing with my heart.  
I'm ready to share the great love.

Enough, enough for the lover.  
I confess my sins, I confess my spirit.  
I will always talk about my lover.  
Open your heart with softness.  
Could you understand my faith.  
I have faith in you, one day we will be lovers.

I spoke to you gently.  
Carried me in your arms.  
Love is special, delicious, wonderful.

Some fashion people ignore the beauty of love.  
The nature taught us, to love each other.

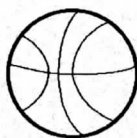
My heart fills up with the envy of love.

When you feel the real love, you feel there is a transformation from the body to the heart.

Come, don't listen to the devil.  
Come, you and I could be an example for the next generations.  
You shall know the feelings that I have for you.

One day we will be together in life showing the world the beauty of love.

*Jean Paul Vernet*



## Basketball Schedule

### Roxbury Community College Men's and Women's Basketball

November 19 ..... North Shore C.C.-2:00PM (Men)

December 7 ..... Mass Bay C.C.-6:00PM (Women)  
8:00PM (Men)

January 25 ..... Northeastern Essex C.C. - 6:00PM (Women)  
8:00PM (Men)

January 28 ..... Norwalk C.C. - 3:00PM (Men)

January 31 ..... Bunker Hill C.C. - 7:00PM (Men)

February 21 ..... Essex C.C. - 5:30PM (Men)

Home games are played at Tobin Gym 1481 Tremont Street



# From the Crossing Staff

## Happy Holidays!

On the occasion of Crossing's first anniversary, we, the Crossing Staff, would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to all whose support bring vitality and strength to the Crossing.

The Crossing has been through many phases and stages. As we look forward into the future, RCC will see many new and improved changes to its own college-wide publication. Over the past year, we have incorporated pictures, poems, graphics and most importantly news about RCC that affects us all: students, administration, staff, and faculty. Through this learning process, we hope to make our publication better. We hope to expand and branch out into different areas of journalism and academia that will benefit us all. Here are some current ideas currently in the planning:

1. Establishing a Board of Editors including all constituencies from the College;
2. Solicit articles and stories that will better inform and nurture all constituencies here at Roxbury Community College;
3. Continue to relay important information and dates concerning activities and events held at the College.

As the College continues to grow and charge forward into 1995, the Crossing hopes to do the

same. We realize the importance of communication and the key role it plays in the growth and well-being of any organization. That's why we hope to continue providing a quality publication that will help keep the communication highway flowing in the right direction. We thank you for your continued support and hope to keep serving you for many more seasons to come.

In an effort to encourage College-wide participation, we are in the process of forming a board of editors for the Crossing. The board of editors will be responsible for soliciting, selecting and editing of

the articles that will appear in the future issues of the newsletter.

This is a chance for everyone to contribute to the facilitation of communications across the College.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the nomination form below. Nominate yourself or someone whom you would like to see on the board. Forward your completed nomination form to either Jeremy Ryan at the President's Office or Boris Tahmasian at the College Publications' Office.

## Nomination Form (To the Crossing Board of Editors)

I would like to nominate:

- ☐ Myself  
☐ Co-worker from my department

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

What is a good day for you to meet?

☐ Mon. ☐ Tues. ☐ Wed. ☐ Thurs. ☐ Fri.

Indicate time of day that is most convenient for you to meet

☐ AM \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ PM \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number or Extension \_\_\_\_\_

We will contact you to inform you when the first meeting is scheduled.

Thank you for your interest and participation.